

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

CHENG ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: Division of Application Serial No. 09/812,960 Filed March 20, 2001

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FOR: SUBSTITUTED ACID DERIVATIVES USEFUL AS ANTIDIABETIC AND ANTI OBESITY AGENTS AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PREEXAMINATION AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application to read as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 4, after "this" and before "is", please insert -- is a division of U.S. application  
Serial No. 09/812,960 filed March 20, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/812,960 filed March 20, 2001, now abandoned, --  
line 5, after "2000" and before "which", please insert -- , now abandoned, -- .

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 6 to 9, 11 to 13, 15, 19, 23 to 25, 29, 33, 35, 36, 38, 41 to 49 and 51 to 54.

Please amend Claims 2 to 5, 10, 14, 16 to 18, 20 to 22, 26 to 28, 30 to 32, 34, 37, 39, 40 and 50 as follows.

--2. (Amended) The method as defined in Claim 34 wherein the compound employed has the structure

